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1. ON AUGUST 11, FRG POLITICAL COUNSELOR (CITRON) CALLED ON MISSION OFFICER TO DISCUSS GENERAL SUBJECT OF CBM'S AND PARTICULARY US-FRG COORDINATION ON EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS AT FORTHCOMING EXERCISES GROSSE ROCHADE AND REFORGER. CITRON SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A DISCOURAGING REPORT OF A BONN MEETING EARLIER AUGUST 11 BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS MFA AND OF AMEMBASSY BONN. THE GERMAN REP, HIMSELF JUST BACK FROM VACATION, CONFIDED THAT HIS BACK-UP FORCES IN BONN ON CSCE/CBMS WERE INADEQUATE BECAUSE THEY WERE DEPLETED BY VACATIONS, AND, AS PROMPT RESULTS IN US-FRG COORDINATION ON THE OBSERVER QUESTION WERE NECESSARY, HE THOUGHT THE US AND FRG DELS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS WOULD HAVE TO GET INVOLVED. HE ASKED IF MISSION WOULD REPEAT THE POINTS THE US HAD MADE IN BONN. MISSION OFFICER DREW FULLY ON REFTEL.
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2. CITRON TELEPHONED LATER IN THE DAY AND SAID HE HAD TALKED TO BONN AND HIS AUTHORITIES WISHED TO SUGGEST THAT THE UNITED STATES COME UP WITH A DRAFT MODEL INVITATION TO A COUNTRY ON THE WARSAW PACT SIDE TO SEND OBSERVERS TO A FORTHCOMING ALLIED MAJOR

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MULTINATIONAL MANEUVER. JUST AS THE FRG DRAFT MODEL NOTIFICATION
OF A MAJOR MANEUVER HAD FOCUSED ALLIED ATTENTION ON THAT
SUBJECT, HE THOUGHT A US DRAFT INVITATION TO OBSERVES WOULD
CATALYZE ACTION ON THE LATTER SUBJECT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY WHETHER HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE HIS GOVERNMENT
MIGHT STILL CONSIDER INVITING OBSERVERS TO GROSSE ROCHADE,
CITRON REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBLILITY,
"PROVIDED WE ACT FAST."

4. MISSION SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT PROVIDE PROMPTLY, IF POSSIBLE BY
AUGUST 13, A DRAFT JOINT US/FRG INVITATION TO OBSERVERS. THIS
DRAFT MIGHT FOCUS ON EXERCISE REFORGER, BUT BE ADAPTABLE TO
EXERCISE GROSSE ROCHADE AS WELL.
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